

HOUSE BILL 1525

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-109, relative to airport and aircraft security and unlawful entry of such areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-109, is amended by deleting subsections (a), (b) and (c) in their entirety, substituting instead the following, and relettering subsection (d) accordingly:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Air operations area" means a portion of an airport designed and used for the landing, taking off, or surface maneuvering of airplanes;

(2) "Sterile area" means an area to which access is controlled by the inspection of persons and property in accordance with an approved security program.

(b) It is an offense for a person to knowingly trespass or unlawfully enter upon an aircraft, air carrier, foreign air carrier or air operations area or sterile area of an airport serving the general public if such trespass or entry is in violation of or contrary to security requirements established by federal regulation.

(c) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) If any person violates subsection (b) with the intent to commit an act in the aircraft, air carrier, foreign air carrier or air operations area or sterile area that is punishable as a felony under federal or state law, and the person is convicted of the felony, a violation of subsection (b) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.